

## Why we Celebrate Christmas on December 25th - Evening Service, Matthew 1:18-2:11, Thursday, December 23rd, 2010

- In preparing for tonight's eve of Christmas Eve message, I searched the scriptures to see if "Christmas Eve" was even mentioned.
- What I discovered was actually quite surprising because I found that the first time Christmas Eve is first mentioned is in Genesis.
- It's found in the account of when Adam, after God created man, turns to the woman and says; "It's Christmas - Eve!"

- Be that as it may, I would like you to turn to the Gospel of Matthew chapter one, as we read the account of the birth of Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 1:18-2:11** 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS. 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'" 7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." 9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. NKJV

- Every year at Christmas time, the whole world, for the most part, focuses their attention on the birth of the Savior of the world.
- It is for this reason that I deem it necessary to talk about, what is arguably, the most celebrated Holiday on earth.
- What I want to do is attempt to answer some unanswered questions as it relates to why we celebrate Christmas on December 25th.

- Question #1: Was Jesus actually born on December 25<sup>th</sup>? No, let's close in prayer and go home!
- The December 25th celebration of Christ's birth came when the Christian holiday was joined with the pagan celebration of Saturnalia.
- It all began in the book of Genesis 10 when after the Flood, Noah had grandson named Nimrod who rebelled against God.
- It's evident from history that this Nimrod was not only a political leader, but also the lead priest in a form of Pagan Satanic worship.

- As the legend goes; Nimrod dies, and his wife Queen Semiramis, gives birth to an illegitimate son.
- She gives him the name Tammuz, claiming him to be Nimrod reborn & immaculately conceived.
- Both child and mother were worshipped and she became known as Semiramis the moon goddess of fertility.

- The Mother and Son were worshipped for Tammuz's immaculate conception and resurrection.
- According to the legends, he was slain [killed by a wild boar], then went into the underworld.
- He rose again like spring vegetation from the ground, on the third day.

- A festival for the worship of Tammuz was initiated to celebrate his miraculous conception and resurrection.
- Preceding this Tammuz festival, the pagans celebrated a fast of forty days. This was a time of lamenting and weeping.
- (*Lent was adopted by the church of the third and fourth centuries in hopes of converting the pagan unbeliever.*)

We have a reference to this weeping for Tammuz in the book of **Ezekiel 8:14 - Then he brought me to the entrance to the north gate of the house of the LORD, and I saw women sitting there, mourning for Tammuz.**

- A worship of the Father Nimrod, Mother Semiramis, and Son Tammuz developed.
- It's believed that Nimrod's Tower of Babel, (Ziggurat) was a pyramid.
- They continued to build them as structures of worship for the sun, moon, and stars (Astrology).
- Today, we can still find remnants of these pyramids throughout the world e.g., Iraq, South America, Central America, Egypt, Burma.

- It's believed that the sphinx in Egypt, actually unlocks the mystery of the zodiac.
- In the Temple of Esneh in Egypt, there's a sky painting on the portico ceiling picturing the whole zodiac with all of its constellations.
- Between the figures of *Virgo, The Virgin*, and *Leo, The Lion*, there's a sphinx with the head of a woman and the body of a lion.
- The woman's face is looking at *The Virgin* and the lion's tail is pointing to *Leo*, telling us we begin with *The Virgin* and end with *Lion*."

- This worship of Mother Semiramis, was known by other names:
- Mother Nature, Mother Earth, Mother Goddess, Queen of Heaven, Wife of Baal, Ashtaroth, Ishtar (Easter), Goddess of Fertility
- *Around the world, the names were different but the worship was the same. It was sexual in nature and with temple prostitutes*
- In the Biblical Phoenician Religion it was Tammuz and Ashteroth
- In Greek Mythology, it's Eros and Aphroditis
- In Egyptology it was known as Horus and Iris
- And they were worshipped as the Roman Gods Cupid and Venus (So happy Valentines day in advance!)
- Also, this would be how the Easter Bunny came about, as bunny's are both fertile and sexual.

- The bunny is well known as a sexual symbol of fertility.
- They have represented fertility in many cultures because they breed quickly.
- In traditional Christian art the hare represents lust.
- This is why it's thought that the Playboy Bunny is symbolic of this pagan sexual goddess.

- Around 313 AD, a politically correct Constantine united the pagan counterfeit religion with the Christian worship.

- Prior to 313AD, Christians were not tolerated, thus they were persecuted and martyred.
- This is why and this is when Constantine issued the "Edict of Toleration" making it legal to be a Christian.
- Up until that point, Christians who feared being put to death developed the symbol of the fish, also known as the ICHTUS.
- The ICHTUS is a Greek acronym for Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior

- In a way, Constantine performed a marriage ceremony of sorts by wedding together Christians and Pagans.
- It was for this reason that the December 25<sup>th</sup> pagan worship of Saturnalia became the modern day celebration of Christmas.

- On December 25<sup>th</sup> Christians celebrate Christmas - Christ's birth, as the Pagans would celebrate Tammuz's resurrection.
- On Ishtar/Easter Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, as the Pagan's celebrate the birth (immaculate conception) of Tammuz.

- The Pagans worshipped Tammuz and celebrated on December 25<sup>th</sup> placing a Yule log (Chaldean for boy child) on the fire.
- A tree (replaced the Yule log) decked with silver and gold so as to celebrate the resurrection of Tammuz.
- We actually have a reference to this in the book of Jeremiah.

**Jeremiah 10:3-4** For the customs of the peoples are worthless; they cut a tree out of the forest, and a craftsman shapes it with his chisel. They adorn it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so it will not totter.

- Now, December 25<sup>th</sup> does have some significance as it relates to the star that the wise men saw leading them to the "young child."
- For those of you who would wish to investigate this further, you can visit [www.bethlehemstar.net](http://www.bethlehemstar.net), and get your hands on their DVD.
- It's a powerful scientific presentation of the "Star of Bethlehem" being a real astronomical event using sophisticated software to prove it.
- It's important to note in what we just read in Matthew's account; the wise men come later when Jesus is a young child in their house.

**Three Wise Men** - In a small Southern town there was a "Nativity Scene" that showed great skill and talent had gone into creating it. One small feature bothered me. The three wise men were wearing firemen's helmets. Totally unable to come up with a reason or explanation, I left. At a "Quik Stop" on the edge of town, I asked the lady behind the counter about the helmets. She exploded into a rage, yelling at me, "You Yankees never do read the Bible!" I assured her that I did, but simply couldn't recall anything about firemen in the Bible. She jerked her Bible from behind the counter and ruffled through some pages, and finally pointed her finger at a passage. Sticking it in my face she said "See, it says right here, 'The three wise man came from AFAR!'"

**Not Fireman but Wise Women** You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead on that first Christmas, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole and brought disposable diapers as gifts!

- Question #2: Is Christmas even mentioned in the Bible? Not by that name however, we do have Jesus' birth prophesied in the Bible.
- Actually, there are some 365 prophecies predicting Jesus' 1st coming in the Old Testament. The first one is found in the first book.

**Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. KJV

- 740 years before Jesus was born, the Prophet Isaiah predicted not only the birth of the Savior but that He had to be born of a virgin.

**Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. NIV

**Isaiah 9:6** For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. NKJV

- 750 years before Jesus was born, the Prophet Micah predicted that the Savior had to be born in Bethlehem.

**Micah 5:2** "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The one to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." NKJV

- We also have references to the virgin birth in the New Testament. Consider what the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Galatia.

**Galatians 4:4** But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, KJV

- So what are the odds of one man fulfilling all 365 of these prophecies? In the natural it's impossible but in the supernatural it's possible.  
- Well, for the next couple of hours, let's take a look at each one of these 365 prophecies one by one, with the hopes of answering that : )

### 365 Prophecies Fulfilled in Jesus' 1<sup>st</sup> Coming

1. Genesis 3:15.....Seed of a woman (virgin birth).....Luke 1:35, Matthew 1:18-20
2. Genesis 3:15.....He will bruise Satan's head.....Hebrews 2:14, 1 John 3:18
3. Genesis 5:24.....The bodily ascension to heaven illustrated....Mark 6:19
4. Genesis 9:26-27...The God of Shem will be the Son of Shem...Luke 3:36
5. Genesis 12:3...As Abraham's seed, will bless all nations...Acts 3:25,26
6. Genesis 12:7...The Promise made to Abraham's Seed...Galatians 3:16
7. Genesis 14:18...A priest after Melchizedek...Hebrews 6:20
8. Genesis 14:18.....A King also.....Hebrews 7:2
9. Genesis 14:18...The Last Supper foreshadowed...Matthew 26:26-29
10. Genesis 17:19.....The Seed of Isaac.....Romans. 9:7
11. Genesis 21:12 ...Seed of Isaac...Romans 9:7, Hebrews 11:18
12. Genesis 22:8...The Lamb of God promised...John 1:29
13. Genesis 22:18...As Isaac's seed, will bless all nations...Galatians 3:16
14. Genesis 26:2-5 ...The Seed of Isaac promised as the Redeemer. Hebrews 11:18
15. Genesis 49:10...The time of His coming...Luke 2:1-7; Galatians 4:4
16. Genesis 49:10.....The Seed of Judah.....Luke 3:33
17. Genesis 49:10.....Called Shiloh or One Sent.....John 17:3
18. Genesis 49:10...To come before Judah lost identity...John 11:47-52
19. Genesis 49:10...To Him shall the obedience of the people be...John 10:16
20. Exodus 3:13,14.....The Great "I Am".....John 4:26
21. Exodus 12:5...A Lamb without blemish...1 Pet. 1:19
22. Exodus 12:13...The blood of the Lamb saves Romans wrath...Romans. 5:8
23. Exodus 12:21-27...Christ is our Passover...1 Corinthians 5;7
24. Exodus 12:46...Not a bone of the Lamb to be broken...John 19:31-36
25. Exodus 13:2...Blessing to first born son...Luke 2:23
26. Exodus 15:2...His exaltation predicted as Yeshua...Acts 7:55,56
27. Exodus 15:11...His Character-Holiness...Luke 1:35; Acts 4:27
28. Exodus 17:6...The Spiritual Rock of Israel...1 Corinthians 10;4
29. Exodus 33:19...His Character-Merciful...Luke 1:72
30. Leviticus 14:11...The leper cleansed-Sign to priesthood. Luke 5:12-14; Acts 6:7
31. Leviticus 16:15-17...Prefigures Christ's once-for-all death...Hebrews 9:7-14
32. Leviticus 16:27...Suffering outside the Camp...Matthew 27:33; Hebrews 13:11, 12
33. Leviticus 17:11...The Blood-the life of the flesh...Matthew 26;28; Mark 10:45
34. Leviticus 17:11...It is the blood that makes atonement...1 John 3:14-18
35. Leviticus 23:36-37...The Drink-offering: "If any man thirst." ...John 19:31-36
36. Numbers 9:12...Not a bone of Him broken...John 19:31-36
37. Numbers 21:9...The serpent on a pole-Christ lifted up...John 3:14-18
38. Numbers 24:8... Flight to Egypt...Matthew 2:14
39. Numbers 24:17...Time: "I shall see him, but not now."...Galatians 4:4
40. Numbers 24:17-19...A star out of Jacob...Matthew 2:2, Luke 1:33,78, Revelation 22:16
41. Deuteronomy 18:15..."This is of a truth that prophet."...John 6:14
42. Deuteronomy 18:15-16..."Had ye believed Moses, ye would believe me."...John 5:45-47
43. Deuteronomy 18:18...Sent by the Father to speak His word...John 8:28, 29
44. Deuteronomy 18:19...Whoever will not hear must bear his sin...John 12:15
45. Deuteronomy 21:13-23...As a prophet...John 6:14; 7:40, Acts 3:22,23
46. Deuteronomy 21:23...Cursed is he that hangs on a tree...Galatians 3:10-13
47. Ruth 4:4-9...Christ, our kinsman, has redeemed us...Ephesians 1:3-7
48. 1 Samuel 2:10...Shall be an anointed King to the Lord...Matthew 28:18; John 12:15
49. 2 Samuel 7:12...David's Seed...Matthew 1:1
50. 2 Samuel 7:14a...The Son of God... Luke 1:32
51. 2 Samuel 7:16...David's house established forever...Luke 3:31; Rev. 22:16
52. 2 Samuel 23:2-4...would be the "Rock"...1 Corinthians 10:4
53. 2 Samuel 23:2-4...would be as the "light of the morning"...Revelation 22:16
54. 2 Kings 2:11...The bodily ascension to heaven illustrated...Luke 24:51
55. 1 Chronicles 17:11...David's Seed...Matthew 1:1; 9:27
56. 1 Chronicles 17:12, 13a...To reign on David's throne forever...Luke 1:32, 33
57. 1 Chronicles 17:13a..."I will be His Father, He...my Son."...Hebrews 1:5
58. Job 19:23-27...The Resurrection predicted...John 5:24-29

59. Psalms 2:1-3...The enmity of kings foreordained...Acts 4:25-28
60. Psalms 2:2...To own the title, Anointed (Christ)...Acts 2:36
61. Psalms 2:6...His Character-Holiness...John 8:46; Rev. 3:7
62. Psalms 2:6...To own the title King...Matthew 2:2
63. Psalms 2:7...Declared the Beloved Son...Matthew 3:17
64. Psalms 2:7, 8...The Crucifixion and Resurrection intimated...Acts 13:29-33
65. Psalms 2:12...Life comes through faith in Him...John 20:31
66. Psalms 8:2...The mouths of babes perfect His praise...Matthew 21:16
67. Psalms 8:5, 6...His humiliation and exaltation...Luke 24:50-53; 1 Corinthians 15:27
68. Psalms 16:10...Was not to see corruption...Acts 2:31
69. Psalms 16:9-11...Was to arise from the dead...John 20:9
70. Psalms 17:15...The resurrection predicted...Luke 24:6
71. Psalms 22:1...Forsaken because of sins of others...2 Corinthians 5:21
72. Psalms 22:1...Words spoken from Calvary, "My God..." Mark 15:34
73. Psalms 22:2...Darkness upon Calvary...Matthew 27:45
74. Psalms 22:7...They shoot out the lip and shake the head...Matthew 27:39
75. Psalms 22:8..." He trusted in God, let Him deliver Him "...Matthew 27:43
76. Psalms 22:9.....Born the Savior.....Luke 2:7
77. Psalms 22:14...Died of a broken (ruptured) heart...John 19:34
78. Psalms 22:14, 15...Suffered agony on Calvary...Mark 15:34-37
79. Psalms 22:15.....He thirsted.....John 19:28
80. Psalms 22:16...They pierced His hands and His feet....John 19:34, 37; 20:27
81. Psalms 22:17, 18...Stripped Him before the stares of men...Luke 23:34, 35
82. Psalms 22:18.....They parted His garments.....John 19:23, 24
83. Psalms 22:20, 21...He committed Himself to God...Luke 23:46
84. Psalms 22:20, 21 Satanic power bruising the Redeemer's heel.. Hebrews 2:14
85. Psalms 22:22.....His Resurrection declared.....John 20:17
86. Psalms 22:27...He shall be the governor of the nations...Col 1:16
87. Psalms 22:31....."It is finished".....John 19:30
88. Psalms 23:1....."I am the Good Shepherd".....John 10:11
89. Psalms 24:3.....His exaltation predicted.....Acts 1:11; Phil. 2:9
90. Psalms 27:12...Accused by false witnesses...Matthew 26:60, 61, Mark 14:57, 58
91. Psalms 30:3.....His resurrection predicted.....Acts 2:32
92. Psalms 31:5..."Into thy hands I commit my spirit"...Luke 23:46
93. Psalms 31:11...His acquaintances fled from Him...Mark 14:50
94. Psalms 31:13...They took counsel to put Him to death...John 11:53
95. Psalms 31:14, 15..." He trusted in God, let Him deliver him"...Matthew 27:43
96. Psalms 34:20.....Not a bone of Him broken.....John 19:31-36
97. Psalms 35:11....False witnesses rose up against Him....Matthew 26:59
98. Psalms 35:19...He was hated without a cause...John 15:25
99. Psalms 38:11.....His friends stood afar off.....Luke 23:49
100. Psalms 40:2-5...The joy of His resurrection predicted...John 20:20
101. Psalms 40:6-8...His delight-the will of the Father....John 4:34
102. Psalms 40:9...He was to preach the Righteousness in Israel...Matthew 4:17
103. Psalms 40:14...Confronted by adversaries in the Garden...John
104. Psalms 41:9.....Betrayed by a familiar friend.....John 13:18
105. Psalms 45:2...Words of Grace come from His lips.. Luke 4:22
106. Psalms 45:6...To own the title, God or Elohim ...Hebrews 1:8
107. Psalms 45:7...A special anointing by the Holy Spirit...Matthew 3:16; Hebrews 1:9
108. Psalms 45:7, 8...Called the Christ (Messiah or Anointed)...Luke 2:11
109. Psalms 49:15...His Resurrection...Acts 2:27; 13:35, Mark 16:6
110. Psalms 55:12-14...Betrayed by a friend, not an enemy...John 13:18
111. Psalms 55:15...Unrepentant death of the Betrayer...Matthew 27:3-5; Acts 1:16-19
112. Psalms 68:18...To give gifts to men...Ephesians 4:7-16
113. Psalms 68:18...Ascended into Heaven...Luke 24:51
114. Psalms 69:4...Hated without a cause...John 15:25
115. Psalms 69:8...A stranger to own brethren...Luke 8:20, 21
116. Psalms 69:9...Zealous for the Lord's House...John 2:17
117. Psalms 69:14-20...Messiah's anguish of soul before crucifixion...Matthew 26:36-45
118. Psalms 69:20..."My soul is exceeding sorrowful..."...Matthew 26:38
119. Psalms 69:21...Given vinegar in thirst...Matthew 27:34
120. Psalms 69:26...The Savior given and smitten by God...John 17:4; 18:11
121. Psalms 72:10, 11...Great persons were to visit Him...Matthew 2:1-11
122. Psalms 72:16...The corn of wheat to fall into the Ground...John 12:24
123. Psalms 72:17...His name, Yinnon, will produce offspring...John 1:12, 13

124. Psalms 72:17...All nations shall be blessed by Him...Acts 2:11,12,41
125. Psalms 78:1,2...He would teach in parables...Matthew 13:34-35
126. Psalms 78:2b...To speak the Wisdom of God with authority...Matthew 7:29
127. Psalms 88:8...They stood afar off and watched...Luke 23:49
128. Psalms 89:26...Messiah will call God His Father...Matthew 11:27
129. Psalms 89:27...Emmanuel to be higher than earthly kings...Luke 1:32,33
130. Psalms 89:35-37...David's Seed, throne, kingdom endure forever...Luke 1:32,33
131. Psalms 89:36-37...His character-Faithfulness...Rev. 1:5
132. Psalms 90:2...He is from everlasting (Micah 5:2)...John 1:1
133. Psalms 91:11,12...Identified as Messianic; used to tempt Christ...Luke 4:10,11
134. Psalms 97:9...His exaltation predicted...Acts 1:11; Ephesians 1:20
135. Psalms 100:5...His character-Goodness...Matthew 19:16,17
136. Psalms 102:1-11...The Suffering and Reproach of Calvary...John 21:16-30
137. Psalms 102:16...Son of Man comes in Glory...Luke 21:24 Revelation 12:5-10
138. Psalms 102:25-27...Messiah is the Preexistent Son...Hebrews 1:10-12
139. Psalms 109:4...Prays for His enemies...Luke 23:34
140. Psalms 109:7,8...Another to succeed Judas...Acts 1:16-20
141. Psalms 109:25...Ridiculed...Matthew 27:39
142. Psalms 110:1...Son of David...Matthew 22:43
143. Psalms 110:1...To ascend to the right-hand of the Father...Mark 16:19
144. Psalms 110:1...David's son called Lord...Matthew 22:44,45
145. Psalms 110:4...A priest after Melchizedek's order...Hebrews 6:20
146. Psalms 112:4...His character-Compassionate, Gracious, et al... Matthew 9:36
147. Psalms 118:17,18...Messiah's Resurrection assured...Luke 24:5-7; 1 Corinthians 15:20
148. Psalms 118:22,23...The rejected stone is Head of the corner...Matthew 21:42,43
149. Psalms 118:26a...The Blessed One presented to Israel...Matthew 21:9
150. Psalms 118:26b...To come while Temple standing...Matthew 21:12-15
151. Psalms 132:11...The Seed of David (the fruit of His Body)...Luke 1:32
152. Psalms 138:1-6...The supremacy of David's Seed amazes kings... Matthew 2:2-6
153. Psalms 147:3,6...The earthly ministry of Christ described...Luke 4:18
154. Psalms 1:23...He will send the Spirit of God... John 16:7
155. Proverbs 8:22-23...The Messiah would be from everlasting...John 17:5
156. Proverbs 30:4...Declared to be the Son of God...John 3:13, Romans 1:2-4, 10:6-9, 2 Peter 1:17
157. Song of Solomon 5:16...The altogether lovely One...John 1:17
158. Isaiah 2:2-4...Repentance for the nations...Luke 24:47
159. Isaiah 4:2...Messiah reigning
160. Isaiah 5:1-6...Son of God's vineyard: a parable of judgment
161. Isaiah 6:1...When Isaiah saw His glory... John 12:40-41
162. Isaiah 6:9-10...Parables fall on deaf ears...Matthew 13:13-15
163. Isaiah 6:9-12...Blinded to Christ and deaf to His words...Acts 28:23-29
164. Isaiah 7:14...To be born of a virgin...Luke 1:35
165. Isaiah 7:14...To be Emmanuel-God with us... Matthew 1:18-23
166. Isaiah 8:8...Called Emmanuel...Matthew 28:20
167. Isaiah 8:14...A stone of stumbling, a Rock of offense... 1 Pet. 2:8
168. Isaiah 9:1,2...His ministry to begin in Galilee...Matthew 4:12-17
169. Isaiah 9:6...A child born-Humanity...Luke 1:31
170. Isaiah 9:6...A Son given-Deity...Luke 1:32; John 1:14; 1 Tim. 3:16
171. Isaiah 9:6...Declared to be the Son of God with power... Romans. 1:3,4
172. Isaiah 9:6...The Wonderful One, Peleh...Luke 4:22
173. Isaiah 9:6...The Counselor, Yaatz...Matthew 13:54
174. Isaiah 9:6...The Mighty God, El Gibor...Matthew 11:20
175. Isaiah 9:6...The Everlasting Father, Avi Adth...John 8:58
176. Isaiah 9:6...The Prince of Peace, Sar Shalom...John . 16:33
177. Isaiah 9:7...To establish an everlasting kingdom...Luke 1:32-33
178. Isaiah 9:7...His Character-Just...John 5:30
179. Isaiah 9:7...No end to his Government, Throne, and Peace...Luke 1:32-33
180. Isaiah 11:1...Called a Nazarene-the Branch, Netzer...Matthew 2:23
181. Isaiah 11:1...A rod out of Jesse-Son of Jesse...Luke 3:23,32
182. Isaiah 11:2...The anointed One by the Spirit...Matthew 3:16,17
183. Isaiah 11:2...His Character-Wisdom, Understanding, et al....John 4:4-26
184. Isaiah 11:4...His Character-Truth...John 14:6
185. Isaiah 11:10...The Gentiles seek Him...John 12:18-21
186. Isaiah 12:2...Called Jesus-Yeshua (salvation)...Matthew 1:21
187. Isaiah 16:4,5...Reigning in mercy...Luke 1:31-33
188. Isaiah 22:21-25...Peg in a sure place...Revelation 3:7

189. Isaiah 25:8...The Resurrection predicted...I Corinthians 15:54  
190. Isaiah 26:19...His power of Resurrection predicted...John 11:43,44  
191. Isaiah 28:16...The Messiah is the precious corner stone...Acts 4:11,12  
192. Isaiah 29:13...He indicated hypocritical obedience to His Word...Matthew 15:7-9  
193. Isaiah 29:14...The wise are confounded by the Word...I Corinthians 1:18-31  
194. Isaiah 32:2...A Refuge-A man shall be a hiding place...Matthew 23:37  
195. Isaiah 33:22...Son of the Highest...Luke 1:32; 1 Timothy 1:17 6:15  
196. Isaiah 35:4...He will come and save you...Matthew 1:21  
197. Isaiah 35:5...To have a ministry of miracles...Matthew 11:4-6  
198. Isaiah 40:3,4...Preceded by forerunner...John 1:23  
199. Isaiah 40:9..."Behold your God."...John 1:36;19:14  
200. Isaiah 40:11...A shepherd-compassionate life-giver...John 10:10-18  
201. Isaiah 42:1-4...The Servant-as a faithful, patient redeemer... Matthew 12:18-21  
202. Isaiah 42:2...Meek and lowly... Matthew 11:28-30  
203. Isaiah 42:3...He brings hope for the hopeless... John 4  
204. Isaiah 42:4...The nations shall wait on His teachings... John 12:20-26  
205. Isaiah 42:6...The Light (salvation) of the Gentiles...Luke 2:32  
206. Isaiah 42:1,6...His is a Worldwide compassion... Matthew 28:19,20  
207. Isaiah 42:7...Blind eyes opened... John 9:25-38  
208. Isaiah 42:13-25...Messiah's actions at His second coming...Revelation  
209. Isaiah 43:11...He is the only Savior... Acts 4:12  
210. Isaiah 44:3...He will send the Spirit of God... John 16:7,13  
211. Isaiah 45:23...He will be the Judge... John 5:22; Romans. 14:11  
212. Isaiah 48:12...The First and the Last...John 1:30; Rev. 1:8,17  
213. Isaiah 48:17...He came as a Teacher...John 3:2  
214. Isaiah 49:1...Called from the womb-His humanity...Matthew 1:18  
215. Isaiah 49:5...A Servant from the womb...Luke 1:31; Phil. 2:7  
216. Isaiah 49:6...He is Salvation for Israel...Luke 2:29-32  
217. Isaiah 49:6...He is the Light of the Gentiles...Acts 13:47  
218. Isaiah 49:6...He is Salvation unto the ends of the earth... Acts 15:7-18  
219. Isaiah 49:7...He is despised of the Nation... John 8:48-49  
220. Isaiah 50:3...Heaven is clothed in black at His humiliation... Luke 23:44,45  
221. Isaiah 50:4...He is a learned counselor for the weary... Matthew 11:28,29  
222. Isaiah 50:5...The Servant bound willingly to obedience... Matthew 26:39  
223. Isaiah 50:6a..."I gave my back to the smiters."... Matthew 27:26  
224. Isaiah 50:6b...He was smitten on the cheeks... Matthew 26:67  
225. Isaiah 50:6c...He was spat upon... Matthew 27:30  
226. Isaiah 52:4-5...Suffered vicariously...Mark 15:3,4,27,28; Luke 23:1-25,32-34  
227. Isaiah 52:7...To publish good tidings of peace... Luke 4:14,15  
228. Isaiah 52:13...The Servant exalted...Acts 1:8-11; Ephesians 1:19-22  
229. Isaiah 52:13...Behold, My Servant... Matthew 17:5; Phil. 2:5-8  
230. Isaiah 52:14...The Servant shockingly abused... Luke 18:31-34; Matthew 26:67,68  
231. Isaiah 52:15...Nations startled by message of the Servant... Romans. 15:18-21  
232. Isaiah 52:15...His blood shed to make atonement for all... Rev. 1:5  
233. Isaiah 53:1...His people would not believe Him... John 12:37-38  
234. Isaiah 53:2a...He would grow up in a poor family.... Luke 2:7  
235. Isaiah 53:2b...Appearance of an ordinary man... Phil. 2:7-8  
236. Isaiah 53:3a...Despised.... Luke 4:28-29  
237. Isaiah 53:3b...Rejected... Matthew 27:21-23  
238. Isaiah 53:3c...Great sorrow and grief... Luke 19:41-42  
239. Isaiah 53:3d...Men hide from being associated with Him... Mark 14:50-52  
240. Isaiah 53:4a...He would have a healing ministry... Luke 6:17-19  
241. Isaiah 53:4b...He would bear the sins of the world... 1 Pet. 2:24  
242. Isaiah 53:4c...Thought to be cursed by God... Matthew 27:41-43  
243. Isaiah 53:5a...Bears penalty for mankind's transgressions... Luke 23:33  
244. Isaiah 53:5b...His sacrifice would provide peace between man and God... Col. 1:20  
245. Isaiah 53:5c...His back would be whipped... Matthew 27:26  
246. Isaiah 53:6a...He would be the sin-bearer for all mankind...Galatians 1:4  
247. Isaiah 53:6b...God's will that He bear sin for all mankind... 1 John 4:10  
248. Isaiah 53:7a...Oppressed and afflicted... Matthew 27:27-31  
249. Isaiah 53:7b...Silent before his accusers... Matthew 27:12-14  
250. Isaiah 53:7c...Sacrificial lamb... John 1:29  
251. Isaiah 53:8a...Confined and persecuted... Matthew 26:47-27:31  
252. Isaiah 53:8b...He would be judged... John 18:13-22  
253. Isaiah 53:8c...Killed.... Matthew 27:35



254. Isaiah 53:8d...Dies for the sins of the world... 1 John 2:2  
255. Isaiah 53:9a...Buried in a rich man's grave... Matthew 27:57  
256. Isaiah 53:9b...Innocent and had done no violence... Mark 15:3  
257. Isaiah 53:9c...No deceit in his mouth... John 18:38  
258. Isaiah 53:10a...God's will that He die for mankind... John 18:11  
259. Isaiah 53:10b...An offering for sin... Matthew 20:28  
260. Isaiah 53:10c...Resurrected and live forever.... Mark 16:16  
261. Isaiah 53:10d...He would prosper... John 17:1-5  
262. Isaiah 53:11a...God fully satisfied with His suffering... John 12:27  
263. Isaiah 53:11b...God's servant... Romans. 5:18-19  
264. Isaiah 53:11c...He would justify man before God... Romans. 5:8-9  
265. Isaiah 53:11d...The sin-bearer for all mankind... Hebrews 9:28  
266. Isaiah 53:12a...Exalted by God because of his sacrifice... Matthew 28:18  
267. Isaiah 53:12b...He would give up his life to save mankind... Luke 23:46  
268. Isaiah 53:12c...Grouped with criminals... Luke 23:32  
269. Isaiah 53:12d...Sin-bearer for all mankind... 2 Corinthians 5:21  
270. Isaiah 53:12e...Intercede to God in behalf of mankind... Luke 23:34  
271. Isaiah 55:1...Every one come who is thirsty...New Testament  
272. Isaiah 55:3...Resurrected by God... Acts 13:34  
273. Isaiah 55:4...A witness... John 18:37  
274. Isaiah 55:5...Foreign nations come to God...Acts  
275. Isaiah 59:15-16a...He would come to provide salvation... John 6:40  
276. Isaiah 59:15-16b...Intercessor between man and God... Matthew 10:32  
277. Isaiah 59:20...He would come to Zion as their Redeemer... Luke 2:38  
278. Isaiah 60:1-3...Nations walk in the light...Luke 2:32  
279. Isaiah 61:1-2a...The Spirit of God upon him... Matthew 3:16-17  
280. Isaiah 61:1-2b...The Messiah would preach the good news... Luke 4:17-21  
281. Isaiah 61:1-2c...Provide freedom from the bondage of sin and death... John 8:31-32  
282. Isaiah 61:1-2...Proclaim a period of grace... John 5:24  
283. Isaiah 62:1-2...Called by a new name...Luke 2:32, Revelation 3:12  
284. Isaiah 62:11...Thy King Cometh, Entered Jerusalem on Colt...Matthew 21:7  
285. Isaiah 63:1-3...A vesture dipped in blood...Revelation 19:13  
286. Isaiah 63:8,9...Afflicted with the afflicted...Matthew 25:34-40  
287. Isaiah 65:9...The elect shall inherit...Romans 11 5-7, Hebrews 7:14, Revelation 5:5  
288. Isaiah 65:17-25...New heaven/New Earth...2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:1  
289. Isaiah 66:18-19...All nations come to God...New Testament  
290. Jeremiah 23:5-6a...Descendant of David...Luke 3:23-31  
291. Jeremiah 23:5-6b...The Messiah would be God... John 13:13  
292. Jeremiah 23:5-6c...The Messiah would be both God and Man... 1 Tim. 3:16  
293. Jeremiah 30:9...Born a King...John 18:37, Revelation 1:5  
294. Jeremiah 31:15...Massacre of infants...Matthew 2:16-18  
295. Jeremiah 31:22...Born of a virgin... Matthew 1:18-20  
296. Jeremiah 31:31...The Messiah would be the new covenant... Matthew 26:28  
297. Jeremiah 33:14-15...Descendant of David... Luke 3:23-31  
298. Ezekiel 17:22-24...Descendant of David... Luke 3:23-31  
299. Ezekiel 21:26,27...The humble exalted...Luke 1:52  
300. Ezekiel 34:23-24...Descendant of David... Matthew 1:1  
301. Daniel 2:34-35...Stone cut without hands...Acts 4:10-12  
302. Daniel 2:44,45...His Kingdom Triumphant...Luke 1:33, 1 Corinthians 15:24, Revelation 11:15  
303. Daniel 7:13-14a...He would ascend into heaven... Acts 1:9-11  
304. Daniel 7:13-14b...Highly exalted... Ephesians 1:20-22  
305. Daniel 7:13-14c...His dominion would be everlasting... Luke 1:31-33  
306. Daniel 7:27...Kingdom for the Saints...Luke 1:33, 1 Corinthians 15:24, Revelation 11:15  
307. Dan. 9:24a...To make an end to sins... Galatians 1:3-5  
308. Dan. 9:24b...He would be holy... Luke 1:35  
309. Dan. 9:25...Announced to his people 483 years, to the exact day, after the decree to rebuild Jerusalem... John 12:12-13  
310. Dan. 9:26a...Killed... Matthew 27:35  
311. Dan. 9:26b...Die for the sins of the world... Hebrews 2:9  
312. Dan. 9:26c...Killed before the destruction of the temple... Matthew 27:50-51  
313. Dan. 10:5-6...Messiah in a glorified state... Rev. 1:13-16  
314. Hosea 3:5...Israel restored...John 18:37, Romans 11:25-27  
315. Hosea 11:1, Numbers 24:8...Flight to Egypt...Matthew 2:14  
316. Hosea 13:14...He would defeat death... 1 Corinthians 15:55-57  
317. Joel 2:28-32...Promise of the Spirit...Acts 2:17-21, Romans 10:13  
318. Joel 2:32...Offer salvation to all mankind... Romans. 10:12-13

- Peter Stoner, "Science Speaks" - Scientific Proof of the Accuracy of Prophecy and the Bible  
[http://www.geocities.com/stonerdon/science\\_speaks.html](http://www.geocities.com/stonerdon/science_speaks.html)

Stoner says that by using the modern science of probability in reference to just eight of these 365 prophecies, 'we find that the chance that any one man could fulfill even eight would be 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000.

Now take just one of these silver dollars and mark it, then mix it anywhere in the stack somewhere in the entire State of Texas. Now, blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel anywhere through this stack, but he must pick up one silver dollar. The odds of him picking the one you marked out of all those silver dollars, two feet deep, over the entire state of Texas, would be the same odds of Jesus fulfilling just eight of the 365 prophecies about His first coming.

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- Question #3: Why did Jesus come in the first place? Because we needed a Savior? Our greatest need was His greatest deed!

- If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator;
- If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist;
- If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist;
- If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer;
- But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior.

- Question #4: Why do we celebrate Christmas? - Because God gave us the greatest gift of all!

- This gift may not be under a tree, but it was because of a tree.

- This tree wasn't cut down to be put up to hang lights on, it was cut down, and made into a cross to hang Jesus on.

**Galatians 3:13** Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: KJV

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. NIV

**Ephesians 2:8-9** 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. KJV

- Some have cleverly quipped and have asked; "What would Jesus buy for Christmas?" I believe the answer is; "you and me."

**1 Corinthians 6:20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. KJV

**Matthew 13:44-46** 44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. 45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: 46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. KJV

- Yours and my gift of eternal life has already been bought and paid for by the precious and priceless blood of Jesus Christ.

- The problem for many is that just because the gift has already been given, doesn't mean that it has necessarily been received.

- One reason is that some people can't get their mind around the fact that God would become a man as a newborn babe.

It was Christmas Eve and the family was preparing to attend the special service of their local church. Everyone was going except Dad, who was an honest man, a man who could not seem to wrap his logical mind around the story of God come to earth as a baby in a manger. He didn't want to be a hypocrite, pretending to worship a Savior he wasn't sure even existed, so he stayed home, built a fire to dispel the bitter cold of that winter night and began to read the paper, waiting for his family's return. Hearing a knock at the window, he turned to see a tiny bird trying to reach the warmth of the fire. The man opened the window but the bird refused to come in. Grabbing his coat, the man went out to the barn and opened the barn doors wide – but still, the bird refused to come in. The man thought, "If only I could be a bird, for just one minute, I could lead the bird to safety." At that moment, he heard the church bells ring and finally understood why Jesus came to earth as a man - to become one of us so He could lead us to eternal safety.

- Another reason that people don't "receive" this gift is because people don't "believe" they need this gift.

- "After all, Santa Claus is coming to town after checking his list twice and I've not been naughty, I've been nice." No you have not!

**Romans 3:10** As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; NIV

**Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, NIV

**Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. NIV

**Romans 10:9-10** 9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

**Romans 10:13** for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." NIV